

December 14, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

RE: MB Docket No 05-311 In the Matter of Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992

I am writing in support of the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance (“CAPA”) in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making. I oppose the tentative conclusions the FCC reaches in the proceeding because of their impacts on our community.

Without Community Access Television the local communities would suffer greatly. I have been a Filmmaker for over 28 years and I started in Community Access. I still work in Access Television and I love teaching new, creative talent in the region. This gives me an opportunity to work with brightest students and the older generation that want to learn broadcasting. Community Access gives everyone the ability to do it!

By allowing cable operators to reduce franchise fee support for local communities if they decide to keep local PEG channels (which have been understood for decades, under cable law, to be a negotiated obligation of franchise agreements, separate of franchise fees,) the FNPRM diminishes the ability of PEG channels to serve communities such as ours, and very likely eliminates the PEG channels in most communities due to the resultant loss of fees that most cities will not be able to afford. I ask that the FNRPM not be adopted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn RAAKER
Independent Producer
For The Chef, You and I
Kathryn Raaker's World
Let's Just Talk with Kathryn Raaker